

AQUARIUS #2



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FRANCE DECIDES TO MAKE WAR! ALL FRENCH MILITARY UNITS ARE MOVING OUTWARD IN AN ATTEMPT TO EXPAND FRENCH TERRITORY! WAR!

Switzerland (CHP)--The local French Embassy in this little peaceful snow-covered country made a public statement about the latest French military maneuvers. Ambassador Hal Naus spoke at a banquet held in his honor by the Swiss officials. He was reported as having been on good terms with the Swiss and was the main reason why the French Government decided to announce their moves there. An excerpt from Mr. Naus' speech follows:

Our Government ordered the following military movements in an effort to protect the territorial integrity of France. Army Portugal moved into Spain while Army Spain moved to Gascony. Fleet Brest steamed out to the Mid Atlantic Ocean while Fleet Marseilles was ordered to the Gulf of Lyon. Last, Army Paris moved to the French Province of Burgundy. We are pleased to hear that all moves succeeded. Thank-you.

The French Ambassador was asked several questions about the French foreign policy, but he declined to comment.

ITALY MOVES INTO THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN SEA! ALL MOVES SUCCEEDED IN ACHIEVING GOALS!

Rome (CHP)--The Pope talked to a congregation of Swiss Embassy officials about the latest Italian Military moves against Turkey. He explained that Christianity was forced to fight another Crusade against the infidels from Turkey. He went to to say (cont. on col. 2, p. 2)

AUSTRIA SUFFERS MILITARY LOSSES AS TURKISH EMPIRE FIGHTS ITS WAY INTO SERBIA WITH SUPPORT FROM THE RUSSIAN MILITARY IN RUMANIA

Serbia (CHP)--The Turkish National Military Command announced their recent orders to all units in the war now being fought with Austria. The TNMC gave out the following military movements report: Army Bulgaria attacked Serbia while Army Armenia landed in Bulgaria after being convoyed by the Turkish Black Sea Fleet. The move got support from the Turkish Fleet located in Constantinople. All moves were reported as having achieved the goals set by Headquarters.

AUSTRIA LOSES SERBIA IN A VAIN TRY FOR RUSSIAN RUMANIA! THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT REMAINED MUTE ON ITS FUTURE MILITARY PLANS. IS DEFEAT EMINENT?

Vienna (CHP)--The Swiss Embassy located in Vienna reported to the outside world the latest battles being fought in and around the Austrian-Hungarian Empire. It was reported that the Austrian Serbian Army's move for Rumania was foiled when it was annihilated by the Turkish Army from Bulgaria while being stopped by the Russian support from Sevastopol. The Austrian support from Budapest failed to make any difference. Also, it was reliably reported that the Trieste Army failed to make it to Vienna when they were stood off by the Russian Galician Army. Thus, the Albanian Army also failed to move to Trieste. The fleet in Greece supported a (cont. on 3rd col., p. 1)

RUSSIAN MILITARY MIGHT TAKES NORWAY WHILE SUPPORTING THE TURKS INTO SERBIA. THE TWO ALLIES PULL OFF A BIG PLAN!

Moscow (CHP)--The President appeared in the famed Red Square to face the cheering crowds packing the square all trying to hear what President Karloff had to say about their latest war efforts.

"My fellow Russians, we have today received front-line reports which indicate that we have succeeded in all of our objectives!" At this point, the crowds went wild.

"Our Rumanian Army gave support to the Turkish Army in Bulgaria with their attack on Serbia. I am happy to say that we have helped to take Serbia. Our Fleet in the Province of Sevastopol did a great job of supporting our Army in Rumania against the expected Austrian aggression. Our Galician Army stood off the Austrians in Vienna while the Ukrainian Army also was stood off in its attempt to replace our Galician Army in Galicia. Far to the north, Our Fleet Norway held its position without opposition, and our St. Petersburg Army moved for Finland. We are now ready to promote peace if that should ever be possible." The people went wild.

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Turkish Fleet move to the Aegean Sea, but the Turkish Fleet was not so ordered. In conclusion, it was felt that Austria will have to rely on its Italian ally to defend her borders against the Russian-Turkish Alliance. The Swiss Embassy was hit by a plane (cont. on col. 1, p. 2)

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from the Polish 1st Air Squadron when it was shot down by a fellow Polish pilot, none other than the White Baron himself. It was reported that when the White Baron realized his mistake, he flew over the city and tipped his wings while almost hitting the Swiss Embassy Building, the site of the crash. The Swiss Government reported that they are moving out of Vienna and are going back to Switzerland where they won't have to worry about the Polish Pilots from Poland.

ENGLAND HOLDS ON TO CONTROL OF THE NORTH SEA WHILE KEEPING THE GERMAN NAVY OUT!

London (CHP)--The Queen was pleased to inform the foreign Ambassadors (all but to the rat from Germany) that the Mighty English Navy has held against the aggressors from Germany. The war effort in Norway failed, but reports came in that the Russians were going to stick with Norway and not pose anymore threats to the English Empire. The Queen was overjoyed to hear that, but said that the Russian intentions would first have to be proven before they could be trusted. At this, the Queen reported on the latest military movements. Fleet Irish Sea went to the English Channel, Fleet Norwegian Sea Supported Fleet North Sea in Place, and Army Yorkshire was ordered into London. Last, the Support from Fleet North Sea to Fleet Irish Sea in its move for the English Channel was cut by the German Fleet attack from Helgoland Bight. In all, the English Plans were successful in defending English control of the seas.

War is a nasty 3-letter word.

ITALY MOVES

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that he hoped Italy will be able to carry out its fight in a most honorable and most Christain-like manner. In war, the Pope said, it is the right thing to do your best to win, but remember that the enemy is not so enlightened as you are, and they will not only attempt to keep what is ours, but try to kill your women and children. Death to the infidels!

GERMANY FAILS TO TAKE THE NORTH SEA, BUT IT TOOK HOLLAND

Berlin (CHP)--The Kaiser was pleased to hear (pleased? Is not that word becoming common? That must be a rotten English word!) that he was crowned as Emperor Charles the First. He was more pleased to hear that Germany conquered Holland. His advisor, Bismark Von Norb, was present at the court to report on the latest German military orders. "We have accomplished everything but the feat of taking the North Sea from them limeys. Army Denmark held Denmark, Army Holland also held Holland, and Army Munich held Munich. All of these moves were purely defensive military actions. We do not wish to antagonize our land neighbors. Meanwhile, Fleet Belgium Supported our Fleet Helgoland Bight into the North Sea, but alas, our Fleet Helgoland Bight was stood off by the English Navy. We will get them sooner or later as Germany's industrial power gear up for full war production.

RUSSIAN PRESIDENT EXPLAINS ALL IN SPEECH TO MASSIVE RALLY!

Moscow (CHP)--President Boris Karloff was standing high above the Square on a podium

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built for this special rally to celebrate the end of the first year of the Russian Republic. His famous sidekick, Agnew Kissenstein, was sitting behind him in mute silence.

"My fellow Russian countrymen, we have declared war on the Austro-Hungarian Empire! They have plotted a dastardly plan against the Motherland! For that daring attempt, we are forced to attack them in the defense of the Motherland. I am pleased (and I don't give a damn about how many times it has been used 'cause I'm the President!) to say that our anit-war maneuvers have put our great country in a good defensive position versus the warmongers from Austria. Our Polish 1st Air Squadron bombed Vienna in over a hundred sorties in the heaviest effort of the war. The end of the war is in sight!" The people in the square took this as an omen for a quick peace and cheered. "Just around the corner is the light of peace! I have promised that I knew a way to end this war, and I will follow through even if it means fighting for another four years. After all, we must keep our record of war victories intact and leave with our honor in one piece." With that, the Russian people went wild with delusions of their great President. Next to speak was Agnew Kissenstein, but he didn't have much to add to the lies and anyhow, he was such a boring speaker all the people started to lay on the pavements of the big Square and doze off. Unfortunately, a terrific rain storm broke out and the rally was thus ended too soon for Agnew to finish his speech of peace and his intentions to try to go to Vienna to find a peace settlement, etc.

Peace is a rare 5-letter word.

HEY! WHAT IS GOING ON HERE? OR, WHAT'S THE HELL IS THIS ZINE? THE PUBLISHER EXPLAINS ALL MYSTERIES TO THE DEAR READERS OF SEITENSTETTEN AND TO THE WHOLE WORLD, IN GENERAL, ABOUT THE NEW AQUARIUS PROJECT. THIS IS NOT WAR NOR IS IT PEACE, CHUCKLE.

Carlisle, Pennsylvania--Well folks and players, I guess I owe everyone some explanation for the first two pages of this, Aquarius, a disguise for the zine otherwise known as Seitenstetten. Before I continue with my ramblin' and perhaps dull statement, I will point out that for everyone's convenience, the moves of this game has, indeed, been printed in the usual manner and format. This surprising feat of intellectuality is to be found on no other page, thus meaning this very page if I am correct.

Anyhow, let's move on with my poor attempt to strut upon the stage as a poor player. Okay, Aquarius (please do not be offended with this sales pitch) is my latest fiendish contribution to the already fiendish hobby. This new contribution is supposed to add more fiendish realism to the already fiendish surrealism of this fiendish game called Diplomacy. Besides knowing that it is a fiendish game, we all probably want to know what point I am going to make. Alright, my point is that I wish to discuss more details about Aquarius. Primarily, the facts are that I took this weekend off for a little relaxation and did not get around to typing up the rules onto stencils. In fact, I don't know why I am cutting my vacation short with this piece of work. I must be going crazy and have to keep working to appease my habit, chuckle. Nevertheless, it pleases me to be fiendish (how many people want my mouth or typewriter sutured?) with my words and long sentences. Okay, okay, I'll cut it out!

The latest developments on Aquarius is that the total gamefee for playing in the games (Diplomacy, Council of Nations, and a Bourse) will be \$8 with an additional \$2 deposit that will be returned when you have finished the game without dropping out. This \$2 can be deducted, however, by missing moves. For every set of moves you miss, I will take off .50¢ as punishment. However, if anyone should miss two seasons in a row, they lose the entire \$2 plus the game. They are then replaced by a standby. I feel that I should be this drastic in order to secure top performance from all the players. There will be, hopefully, seven standbys who will be ready to take over the country they are backing up. I will most likely add to the houserules for the regular game, a rule that

would require the standbys to submit orders for each season. Once the regular player miss a season, he will have orders from the standbys to be used if the regular player doesn't have tentative orders or general orders on hand. If the regular player misses a second time and has no backup orders, then the standby will immediately take over with the country not missing a move.

Before I cover the highlights of the other two games, I will cover the press rules for the games and for Diplomacy in particular.

For press purposes only, the first year of the game will be 1914. This will, hopefully, encourage the press releases to become more historical in content. I have decided that I cannot really attempt to restrict the way the press is written, but I hope to select players that will write along these lines, naturally. All I want is a thread to history. You can invent characters, situations and comedy, but try to fit it around the war and its history. I would rather have it be wild than boring, interesting than dull.

In order to get the best writers, I will be holding a press release contest. There will be a deadline that will be announced along with the publishing of all the rules. These rules will be distributed free to all who have expressed an interest in this new zine, and at a cost of .25¢ to those who will be expressing an interest after this has been sent out. I favor the initial replies, and I feel that those who have already responded will represent the best I can get. Most likely, the deadline will be in February, perhaps the 16th. On this deadline, I will be asking for press samples, country preferences and your \$2 deposit. If you have not been drafted to play in the first game, your \$2 will be returned and you will be informed of your options to either play in the second and last game, or as a subscriber (to be explained later). Well, to keep my promise on column 1, I must print the moves. So, this article will be continued on page four.

GAME 1962A, Fall 1902

AUSTRIA IS HIT BY TURKISH AND RUSSIAN ATTACK WHILE ITALY MOVES EAST AND ENGLAND STANDS OFF GERMANY IN THE NORTH SEA. FRANCE STAYS ALIVE! THE BIG EUROPEAN WAR CONTINUES HOT!

Austria (von Metzke): A Ser-Rum/a/, A Eud S A Ser-Rum, F Gre S Tur F Con-Aeg/nso/,
A Alb-Tri, A Tri-Vie
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ENGLAND (Holcombe): F Iri-Eng, F Nth S F

Iri-Eng, F Nwg S F Nth, A Yor-Lon

FRANCE (Naus): A Por-Spa, A Spa-Gas, A Par-Gas, A Par-Bur, F Mar-Lyo, F Bre-Mid

GERMANY (Reinsel): A Den H, A Hol H, A Mun H, F Bel S F Hel-Nth, F Hel-Nth

ITALY (Ward): A Tyr H, A Ven-Apu, F Tun-Ion, F Ion-Eas

RUSSIA (Boyer): F StP (NC)-Nor, A Nor-Fin,

A Gal-Vie, A Ukr-Gal, F Sev S A Rum,

A Rum S Tur A Bul-Ser

TURKEY (Scensny): A Bul-Ser, F Bla C A Arm-Bul, F Con S A Arm-Bul, A Arm-Bul

WINTER 1902 BUILDS & REMOVALS DUE ON February 16, 1973, at noon (eastern time). Mr. Reinsel has asked me to take his place for this time. He says he is traveling and cannot publish his turn. I have agreed to do this with this announcement. PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST SEND YOUR ORDERS TO ME AND NOT TO NORB. THANKS.

Press--

Galicia--The White Baron sadly notes that no one wants to write press releases. So, he has decided to write none either. May Vietnam rest in peace. Oops! Press from Italy.....

Fall 1902 Supply Center Chart--

Austria: Home, Gre, ~~Spa~~ (4) Stands Pat, lost 1 unit in Fall 1902

England: Home, ~~Spa~~ (3) Removes 1

France: Home, Spa, Por (5) Stands Pat

Germany: Home, Den, Bel, Hol (6) Builds 1

Italy: Home, Tun (4) Stands Pat

Russia: Home, Rum, Swe, Nor (7) Builds 1

Turkey: Home, Bul, Ser (5) Builds 1

NOW TO THE POLL!

Bob Ward printed three questions for us to answer. For our convenience, those questions are reprinted below.

1. Should "proof of move" by sending a set to an impartial party be required on your turn to publish? If Yes, who should this party be? (Rich suggests Buchanan, Winter, or Hull since they receive this zine).

2. Should the persons named in #1, or one of them, be empowered to settle disputes regarding move adjudication.

3. Should we allow flexibility in deadlines to correspond with the situation of the publisher. For example, John Boyer has asked that the deadline for his next issue be advanced one day, to January 26, which I will do in setting the deadline. I propose that this be handled by request to the publisher prior to your season if it is to

be allowed.

Those were the questions, now for the votes!

	#1	#2	#3
Austria:	No	No	Yes
England:	Can't find any from him.		
France:	Yes--Hull	Yes	Yes
Germany:	No	No	Yes
Italy:	Can't find any from him.		
Russia:	Yes	Yes	Yes
Turkey:	No	Yes	Yes

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.. Aboard the Italian Fleet--The Crew of the S.S. Santa Lucia today radioed they are within sight of land--off an unknown coast. Rescue vessels have been unsuccessful in laying a tow line aboard. Units of the Austrian fleet are believed ready to assist.

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The results are inconclusive because I don't have votes from two of the players. I am sure I don't have them rather than misplacing them, so please send them in so we can conclude our poll. I will ask another question to be pending upon results of the first two questions.

#4. Whom shall be our impartial party to be given the proof set of moves and to resolve adjudication problems? Choose from those listed.

Buchanan, Winter, or Hull. I hope that these three people will inform me by next season's deadline if they will accept the job should they be voted in for it. This way, we can then proceed with the fastest speed possible to covering the problems posed in the first two questions.

Well, anybody who was able to read through this unorganized mess of words covering the Fall 1902 season of Game 1962A have been awarded Impassable's Impossible Feat Award. Congratulations.

BACK TO AQUARIUS!

If you have won a position to play in the first game, you will be asked to fork up the \$8 gamefee. One or two other people will be invited to also send in the \$8 gamefee should two of the original seven press winners don't want to play. Thus, nine people will be asked to send the money of which two will play only if two of the other seven decide not to play. This is to insure the beginning of the game on schedule. At this time, I will announce the country assignments (one reason why a player may not want to play--but I am hoping someone will want to play Austria and Germany for the

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press possibilities. I would rather run the risk of these players getting choices such as Austria to change their minds than have players not happy with their country assignment and thus not write much press). In order to prevent the above situation explained in parentheses, I will probably choose first choices for all positions--having more than seven people interested in playing should allow me to pick, to some extent, those with first choices and with good press samples.

I cannot ask the players to write press for each season by forcing them with any such rule. That would defeat my purpose of having lots of press. Rather, I will ask that all players keep writing good press releases and with some length. Aquarius is meant to be a press zine with a wide span of activities with the three games interconnected in their action and play. I hope that the players will respond to each other's press rather than writing their own isolated stories. In essence, some kind of press war is desired--but all in fun.....I don't want poor losers.

I will now discuss the major rules on the other two games involved in Aquarius. Many of you are probably familiar with the Bourse as a postal game. I will also be using a bourse, but with the following major changes: 1) The players of the regular Diplomacy game will be allowed to participate. It will be hoped that others will play in the bourse also. 2) Elimination of a country will render its currency valueless, but in contrast to other bourses, surviving nations' currencies will have some value in direct proportion to the number of supply centers in their control at end of game. Thus, it will be harder to win this game and not so dependent upon having the most currency in the winning country. 3) It is being simplified: a. No short-selling or margin buying will be allowed. b. And there will be seasonal sessions for buying and selling--not continuously as in other bourses. This will tie the game in with the Diplomacy game.

Those are the major changes for the Bourse. The Council of Nations, I believe, is a new game for the postal hobby. Although there was no League of Nations prior to World War I, and it would be unrealistic to have one, I decided to call it different and stopped worrying about it being unrealistic. All I am asking is that the press be more realistic.

In brief, Council of Nations, is a political-diplomatic game that will have not only the seven Diplomacy powers involved, but also representatives from all the minor powers on the Diplomacy board. These latter will include: Portugal, Spain, Tunis, Greece,

Serbia, Bulgaria, Rumania, Albania, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Norway, and Sweden. I will be reserving Switzerland for myself. Switzerland will not play, but it will be used for official Aquarius news releases.

Thus, it will be hoped that we will be able to fill all of these minor power positions.

The game itself is based upon the aim of accumulating the most "prestige points" such as piling up the most wealth in the bourse game. A player can make points by having C. of N. proposals either passed or defeated. He thus "bets" on which to pass or fail. He also gets to vote to pass or fail these proposals. In order to win, he either must be a shrewd player or successfully form deals with the other players in the game (which include the seven Diplomacy players). Each season, each player is allowed to submit a proposal for vote. He must, however, vote to pass his own motion and also place a specified amount of "prestige points" on it. These proposals, of course, are for press purposes primarily, and do not have any power to affect the games in Aquarius. An example would be for Albania to submit a motion to form a Balkan Federation, or something of that nature.

Last, there will be different subscription classes with different subscription privileges. I haven't decided which length of subs get what privileges, but the longer you sub as a reader (that is, not a player in the Diplomacy game) you get more options to play and write press for the other two games (the Bourse and the Council of Nations). We hope to have seven first standbys--one for each country--who will back up the regular player so we don't have any missing moves. These will also get to play in the Bourse and in the Council of Nations games as one of the minor powers and have full press privileges. Other readers will have varying options to play in the Bourse and the Council of Nations as well as to write press depending upon the length of their subscription to Aquarius. We want readers playing in the other games to remain readers and players in the other games for as long as possible concurrent with the game of Diplomacy being played. In effect, it could be called gamefees, but we will fill out the game positions with whomever we can get--those with longer subs will get more choices and options. Thus, this situation will allow people who want to write, but don't have the time for playing a game of Diplomacy. To play the Bourse or C. of N. game will not require much letter-writing to other players. More news in February.



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